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I speak to this Convention with all sincerity. I appeal to the intelligence and wisdom of the delegates here that upon second reading we may polish a constitution that up to this date I feel is a good one, but let us trim the straws off a little. Let us give to the people something that they desire.

THE PRESIDENT: You have one-half minute, Delegate Kosakowski.

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: I will not speak longer than that in only asking this honorable body to reconsider their deliberations as to their vote on the Committee of the Whole, and as sitting in this Convention, and if you would delete the provisions on lottery or gambling per se, the issue is whether this should be in a constitution or not.

In closing, I will not quote Delegate Sherbow, but I believe everybody read his quote in the press. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I have too much affection and esteem for Delegate Kosakowski to want to mesmerize him. I think that in all the years we have known each other he has respected my views, and I have respected his.

He favors lotteries, and I do not. I do not think that is the real issue. I do not think the real issue is whether or not you leave it in the constitution or take it out. I think the real issue is whether or not you are going to open Maryland to the kind of evils that are occurring in other parts of the country.

Ladies and gentlemen, I think that in the last debate we pretty well went through the entire picture as it dealt with lotteries. Let me just sum it up. Thirty-six states have a ban on lotteries in their constitutions. Maryland likewise has this ban. Do not forget we have to go before the people in the month of May, and I am not exaggerating when I tell you that the view that will be expressed by the people is not the view of these people who will sign something that is lying before them without having heard or engaged in any debate.

I told you of what happened in Rhode Island. In Rhode Island they took their

ban out of the constitution and it was to be submitted to the people on November 7th, and Governor Chaffee got their Constitutional Convention to withdraw it from the vote of the people because of two things in it that made it so bad that it would be overwhelmingly defeated. One dealt with the subject of wire tapping, and the other was that they removed the ban on lotteries. He said "It is worse than any constitution we have. We are not going to submit it", and all of the work up to that point went for naught. They withdrew it.

What did the leading newspaper up there say? The proposed constitution eliminates the existing ban on the running of state lotteries, and if that draft is approved every voter in Rhode Island can expect to see a dozen different bills before the legislature to put the state into the gambling business in spite of the unhappy experiences of New York and New Hampshire.

I read to you from the *Wall Street Journal* the sad experience of England as of today. I read to you from other places of the sad experience of the influx of the Mafia, and I do not ask you to do anything more than to harken back to the terrific fight that the Governor of Maryland had just to try to ban the gambling in the southern Maryland counties. Up until this moment all the gambling interests are concerned with and waiting for is for you to say we are taking the ban of lotteries out, and they will be banging at the doorstep of the legislature with all the pressure they can to end the phase-out of the gambling machines, and to come in with their ideas as to lotteries.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you a new phase of this matter, and I urge you please to listen to this, because it is different from what you have had before. You have passed, and I joined with you in voting for it, the local government provision. Bear in mind, that each of the counties and each of the cities, will then have certain power, and one of those powers when there is no ban in the constitution, is the right on their part to proceed with lotteries on their own. All I can tell you is with that kind of proliferation almost anything can happen in Maryland.

Now, lotteries are a sad way to try to raise money. It has its worst effect on the poor. And I do not smile when people say to me, "Oh, well, so far as we are concerned it will take some of the skimming off the top of the numbers racket." All that experience has shown is that the lotteries run side by side, the numbers rackets flourish, and